

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A crawler belt comprising an endless high-tensile-strength belt [[(21)]]
of a plate and a belt main body [[(22)]] made of elastic material and attached to an outer periphery of said high-tensile-strength belt,
said high-tensile-strength belt [[(21)]] having engagement holes [[(21a)]] arranged at even intervals in a circumferential direction thereof, said engagement holes being to engage with engagement projections of a wheel,
said belt main body integrally including an endless base part attached all around an outer periphery of said high-tensile-strength belt and a plurality of tread lugs formed spacedly on an outer periphery of said base part,
said high-tensile-strength belt being thin compared with said base part.
~~said belt main body (22)said base part covering said engagement holes and having escape recesses [[(23a)]] formed at locations corresponding to said engagement holes of said high-tensile-strength belt, said escape recesses being to receive said engagement projections of said wheel.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A crawler unit comprising a plurality of wheels [[(10)]] disposed separately in a front and rear direction and a crawler belt [[(20)]] trained about said wheels, wherein

said crawler belt [[(20)]] comprises an endless high-tensile-strength belt [[(21)]] of a plate and a belt main body [[(22)]] made of elastic material and attached to an outer periphery of said high-tensile-strength belt, said high-tensile-strength belt [[(21)]] having engagement holes [[(21a)]] arranged at even intervals in a circumferential direction thereof,

said belt main body integrally including an endless base part attached all around said outer periphery of said high-tensile-strength belt and a plurality of tread lugs formed spacedly on an outer periphery of said base part, said high-tensile-strength belt being thin compared with said base part,

~~said belt main body (22)-said base part covering said engagement holes and having escape recesses [[(23a)]] formed at locations corresponding to said engagement holes of said high-tensile-strength belt, and wherein~~

a driving wheel of said plurality of wheels [[(10)]] has engagement projections [[(12a)]] arranged at even intervals in a circumferential direction on an outer peripheral surface thereof, said engagement projections [[(12a)]] being adapted to be engaged with said engagement holes [[(21a)]] of said high-tensile-strength belt [[(21)]] of said crawler belt [[(20)]] and at the same time to enter said escape recesses [[(23a)]] of said belt main body [[(22)]].

3. (Currently Amended) A crawler unit according to claim 2, wherein outer peripheral surfaces of said plurality of wheels [[(10)]] are generally cylindrical surfaces.

4. (Currently Amended) A crawler unit according to claim 3, wherein said engagement holes [[(21a)]] of said high-tensile-strength belt [[(21)]] have a generally circular shape, and said engagement projections [[(12a)]] of said wheel [[(10)]] have a generally semi-spherical shape and said escape recesses of said base part have a generally semi-spherical shape.

5. (Currently Amended) A crawler unit according to claim 2, wherein said crawler unit further comprises a pair of side plates [[(30)]] extending in a front and rear direction to cover opposite side surfaces of said plurality of wheels [[(10)]], said belt main body [[(22)]] comprising ~~an endless base part (23) and shielding brims flanges~~ [[(24, 24')]] continuously formed along an entire length on opposite sides of said base part, edges of said shielding ~~brims flanges~~ contacting peripheral edges of said side plates.
6. (Currently Amended) A crawler unit according to claim 2, wherein ~~said belt main body (22)~~ includes ~~an endless base part (23) and a plurality of tread lugs (26) formed spacedly on an outer periphery of and extending~~ ~~said tread lugs~~ [[(26)]] extend in a width direction of said base part [[(23)]], said tread lugs having a planer planar shape bent at least at one point, the height of said tread lugs being not less than 3 times and not greater than 7 times as large as its the thickness of said thread lugs.
7. – 9. (Cancelled)
10. (Currently Amended) A crawler belt according to claim 1, wherein said belt main body [[(22)]] is attached only to the outer periphery of the high-tensile-strength belt-(21) is exposed.
11. (Currently Amended) A crawler belt according to claim 10, wherein the high-tensile-strength belt [[(21)]] is composed of a steel belt.
12. (Currently Amended) A crawler unit according to claim 2, wherein the high-tensile-strength belt (21) is exposed and directly contacts the outer peripheral surface of the wheel [[(10)]].